



**ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**The Environmental Board convened in a public hearing meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs Rd #325, Austin, Texas 78704**

Board Members in Attendance:

**Robert Deegan, Mary Gay Maxwell, Mary Ann Neely, Marisa Perales, Ruthie Redmond, James Schissler and Brian Smith**

Staff in Attendance:

**Chris Herrington  
Chuck Lesniak  
Dan Pedersen  
George Zapalac  
Jean Drew  
Kim McKnight  
Liz Johnston  
Marilla Shepherd  
Scott Hiers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL**

Speakers should sign up to speak prior to the meeting being called to order; you will receive a three-minute allotment to discuss topics not posted on the agenda.

**There were 4 citizens that signed up to speak under citizens communications. 2 citizens signed up to speak on item 5C. 8 speakers signed up to speak on item 5D.**

**\*Jenny Melendez signed up to speak about Austin trees and protected trees in her neighborhood.**

**\*Brad Rockwell signed up to speak about the Heritage Tree Ordinance.**

**\*Jim Wittliff signed up to speak about his concerns with Land Development Code and non-compliance trees.**

**Zoila Vega signed up to speak about Heritage Tree Ordinance and Lightsey 2 tree concerns.**

**Melaney McNearney signed up to speak about tree removal in her neighborhood.**

**\*Eleanor McKinney signed up to speak on item 5C.**

**\*Roberto Garcia signed up to speak on item 5C.**

**\*Michael Fossum signed up to speak on item 5D.**

**\*Philip Martin signed up to speak on item 5D.**

- \*Tim McCorory signed up to speak on item 5D.
- \*Richard Craig signed up to speak on item 5D.
- \*Andrew Gill signed up to speak on item 5D.
- \*Bill Head signed up to speak on item 5D.
- \*Patricia Winston signed up to speak on item 5D.
- \*Jim Christianson signed up to speak on item 5D.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Approve the minutes of the Environmental Board regular meeting of September 3, 2014.

**The minutes were approved on Board members James Schissler’s motion and Board member Robert Deegan’s second Vote 7-0.**

- b. Environmental Officer’s report on hot topics and past Board actions – Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection Department.

- i. Update on SH45 SW

**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- ii. Update on Northern Walnut Creek Trail

**This item was conducted as posted. The Environmental Officer will update the Environmental Board regarding how the Watershed Protection Department Ordinance applies to Trails and other features.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. **Name:** 2009 Lakeshore Drive – Building BD SP-2013-0504DS

**Applicant:** Aupperle Company (Agent Bruce Aupperle)

**Location:** 2009 Lakeshore Drive

**Staff Reviewer:** Liz Johnston, Planning and Development Review Department

**Watershed:** Lake Austin (Water Supply Rural), Drinking Water Protection Zone

**Request:**

1) Variance request is as follows: to allow construction of a boat dock within a canyon rim rock Critical Environmental Feature buffer, 25-8-281 (C)(2)(b)

**Staff Recommendation:** Recommended.

**Recommendation to approve was made on Board Member Robert Deegan’s motion and Board member James Schissler’s second Vote 7-0-0-0.**

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- a. Update on the implementation status of the WPD Master Plan – Jean Drew, and Matt Hollon Watershed Protection Department

**This item was postponed until the October 1, 2014 Environmental Board meeting.**

- b. Briefing on Auxiliary Water Codes Coordination Projects – Dan Pederson, Austin Water Utility

**This item was conducted as posted. No action taken.**

- c. Briefing on the Code Approach Alternatives and Annotated Outlines for CodeNEXT – George Zapalac, Planning and Development Review Department
- This item was conducted as posted. Recommendation to approve was made on Board member Robert Deegan’s motion and Mary Ann Neely’s second. Vote 5-2-0-0. Board members Maxwell and Perales voted against.**

**The Environmental Board requests to convene the joint Urban Policy Regulations and Development Committees to discuss the environmental aspects of CodeNext.**

- d. Pease Park Master Plan- Parks and Recreation Department Kim M McKnight,  
Parks and Recreation Department  
**Recommendation to approve was made on Board member Mary Ann Neely  
motion and James Schissler's second. Vote 7-0-0-0.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Update on the Joint Environmental/Parks Board Subcommittee – Mary Ann Neely,  
Jennifer Walker, and James Schissler, P.E. **No report this week.**
- b. Urban Growth Policy Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, James Schissler, P. E., and  
Marisa Perales. **No report this week**
- c. Water Treatment Plant #4 Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell, and Mary Ann Neely –  
**No report this week.**
- d. Development Committee –Mary Gay Maxwell, Marisa Perales, Robert Deegan, and  
James Schissler, P.E. - **No report this week.**
- e. Water Quality Regulations Committee – Mary Ann Neely, and Chair, Brian Smith.  
**No report this week.**
- f. Watershed Protection Budget Committee – Mary Gay Maxwell Marisa Perales, and  
Mary Ann Neely. **No report this week.**
- g. Air Quality Committee – Mary Ann Neely and Ruthie Redmond  
**Mary Ann Neely will make a report this week. This item was conducted as  
posted.**
- h. Other reports from Board members  
**No report this week.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS - Future agenda items**

- 1. Staff briefing on Lightsey 2 development at the 10/1/2014  
Environmental Board meeting.**
- 2. Development and Water Quality Committees to meet to discuss  
the Urban Trails Master Plan recommendations.**
- 3. Urban Growth and Development Committees to meet to discuss  
CodeNext to discuss the future of the City of Austin.**
- 4. 10 Minutes of education about the Watershed Protection  
Ordinance and the trails.**
- 5. Report on 900 S. Bouldin Court**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Mary Gay Maxwell adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.**